# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF AIRPORTS
MANSINH PATEL

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some airports have been closed due to lack of air traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof, airport-wise;

(c) whether aviation companies of the private sector intend to provide air services at these airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b) :- 26 airports in the country belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) viz. Cudappah, Rajahmundry andVijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, Civil Enclaves at Zero, Daparizo,Along and Tezu and airport at Passighat in Arunachal Pradesh, Muzaffarpur in Bihar, Keshod and Kandla in Gujarat, Mysore, Hubli and Bellary in Karnataka, Shillong in Meghalaya, Ludhiana in Punjab, Kota anc Civil Enclave at Bikaner in Rajasthan, Salem in Tamil Nadu, Kailashahar in Tripura, Civil Enclaves at Gorakhpur, Kanpurand Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, Pant Nagar in Uttaranchal, Pondicherry Union Territory, and Cooch Behar in WestBengal have been closed due to lack of aircraft operations.

(c) and (d) :- No request from any airline operator has been received for operating to these airports. However, airline operators are free to operate to/from any place in their commercial judgement subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which stipulate certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.